

REMARKS

In the last Office Action, the Examiner required an election of species between Species A and B and required applicant to identify the claims readable on the elected species. No claims were indicated to be generic to both species.


In accordance with this response, applicant has provisionally elected Species A and has identified claims 1-4 and new claims 11-22 as being readable on the elected species. Claims 5-10, which are drawn to non-elected Species B, have been canceled subject to applicant's right to pursue the subject matter thereof in a divisional application.

Original claims 1-4 have been revised in editorial respects to improve the wording and to better conform the claims to U.S. practice. New claims 11-22 have been added to provide a fuller scope of coverage. New claims 11-22, like claims 1-4 are directed to Species A.

In view of the foregoing, early and favorable action
are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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